

# HAMPTON NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

## COWLES SUSTAINED

School Board Endorse His Position in Controversy.

ONLY 4 MEMBERS PRESENT

And Each Rendered a Long Decision in the Matter. Miss Hope Will Appeal from the Board's Action.

The Hampton School Board has sustained Professor Dudley R. Cowles, principal of the high school in the controversy arising over the promotion of a pupil to the high school over the protest of Miss Hope, teacher of the eighth grade.

The decision that endorses the principal is concurred in by only two members of the board and each rendered his decision, while while they are both of the opinion that Mr. Cowles had the authority to promote the pupil are in many respects different.

The board met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the school building and for three hours listened to the statements of both Professor Cowles and Miss Hope.

When the meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmelz there were present in the room besides Messrs. Richardson and Schmelz, members of the board, Miss Hope, Mayor Hope, Mr. R. G. Bickford, of Newport News, who was there as counsel for Miss Hope, Professor Cowles and his counsel, Mr. H. M. Lott, of Newport News, and Assistant Principal John Elliott, of the Hampton school.

Mr. Schmelz in opening the proceedings said that he regretted to announce that Captain Schermerhorn, a member of the board, would not be present at the hearing, but gave no reason for the absence of the gentleman. However, it afterwards leaked out that Captain Schermerhorn had during the week tendered his resignation as a member of the school board.

Mr. Schmelz then stated that after a conference he and the other members of the school board had determined that they could come to a decision and announced that they would go into the investigation without any unnecessary evidence. They were willing to have Miss Hope and Professor Cowles each make a statement, but any further evidence was entirely unnecessary and superfluous. It was evident from Mr. Schmelz's statement that the board had determined upon their proceedings and also intended to go to it without the assistance of either attorney.

When Chairman Schmelz took his seat, Mr. Bickford took the floor and said he was there to defend the action of the board. Mr. Bickford then retired and was absent during the proceedings.

Chairman Schmelz asked Mr. Hope to state his sister's position which he did.

MISS HOPE'S CHARGES.

Mayor Hope began by announcing the position of his sister. He said 10 years ago a pupil entered the school. He remained two years in his sister's room and at the end of that time had not obtained the efficiency required of a pupil in order that he might be promoted to a higher grade. He then stated that the pupil was caught cheating, which act was reported to the principal. Mr. Cowles said he would have him removed after investigating the charges. His sister did not wish to make him undergo such an embarrassment and would not consent to having the young boy expelled. At the opening of this session the principal asked the teacher to allow the pupil to be promoted, which she consented to, but after thinking the matter over told Professor Cowles that she could not agree to the promotion asked for as she was afraid it would not work to the best interest of the school. Mr. Hope's statement was just about the same as has already been published in these columns.

MR. COWLES' STATEMENT.

Professor Cowles in opening said Miss Hope had come very near stating the case. He had made no contention that she had not done her duty. He did not intend to make a reflection against Miss Hope. He thought a boy should not be required to remain in one room three years. It would cause stagnation to his mind. Mr. Cowles then cited a number of authorities substantiating his position. Mr. Cowles then stated in conversation he had had with County Superintendent Willis regarding the promotion of another pupil.

Here Mr. Willis said he did not remember having had such a talk with Mr. Cowles, but was not willing to state positively that he had not.

The remainder of Mr. Cowles' statement was about the same as has already been published.

Mr. Hope made a short reply to Mr. Cowles' statement, but brought out nothing new.

Mr. Schmelz and Mr. Richardson said they had each prepared a statement before coming to the meeting, and as they had heard of new evidence from what had already been given out they were ready to read them.

Mr. Schmelz report covered two pages of typewritten matter and after paying a compliment to the principal, Miss Hope and Mr. S. G. Cumming, the former principal, closed as follows:

"Mr. Cowles did not transgress his right as he had the right to make this promotion of the pupil to the high grade, but in view of the relation sustained to the pupil it would have been the part of wisdom not to have insisted on exercising his right."

In Mr. Richardson's paper, which was also lengthy, he sustained Mr. Cowles.

When the papers had been read, Mayor Hope, said his sister would ask for an appeal to the county superintendent.

Mr. Willis then said he was willing to give his decision, but Mr. Hope objected.

The case will be heard before Mr. Willis to-day at 12 o'clock.

PAGE GETS THREE MONTHS.

While Minkins is Given Six Months on the Same Charge.

Ben Page was sent to jail for three months in the County Court yesterday. Page is one of the men charged with entering the store room of the "Famous" clothing house, and stealing a number of articles of clothing. James Minkins, with whom it was charged Page was associated in the theft, was given six months in jail and required to pay a fine of \$50.

YOUNG MAN AND HIS COMPANY.

Rev. W. H. Williams, the Drummer Evangelist, will address the Men's Meeting in the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Williams has selected as his subject "The Young Man and His Company." Mr. Williams is a good speaker and his address will

no doubt be listened to by a large number of men. The meeting will be interspersed with good music.

MR. GARRETT WILL SING.

Mr. Albert Howard Garrett, who lately came from New York to teach vocal culture in the Norfolk Conservatory of Music, will sing at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mr. Garrett is a baritone singer, well known in the musical world as a concert singer and teacher and in 1895-96 was lecturer at Cornell University upon the use of the voice in singing.

SHOT HIS CREDITORS.

Then Albert Bradley Fied, Probably a Double Murderer.

SEAFORD, DEL., Dec. 8.—Seven chambers of Albert D. Bradley's revolver were emptied in quick succession into Ollie Hubbard and William Watkins at Eldorado, Md., today.

It was only a short time ago that the rash-traveller shooting affray stirred up the people of Eldorado and today's affair, coupled with the easy escape of the guilty man, has caused no end of excitement.

Watkins and Hubbard, who live in East New Market, Md., had a claim against Bradley for which they had issued an attachment that was being served by Deputy Sheriff George H. Ralph of Cambridge. He was removing Bradley's goods from the premises when Watkins and Hubbard came along, and finding Bradley, tried to make an agreement for the payment of the debt without further legal proceedings. Bradley would agree to nothing, whereupon Hubbard and Watkins started for their carriage.

They had taken but a few steps when Bradley drew his revolver and fired. Four of the seven bullets took effect in Watkins' back between his shoulders and two in the back of Hubbard. Although there were a number of people standing near, not one of the spectators ventured to lay hands on Bradley, who has a reputation of being handy with a gun.

Seeing the result of his work he walked to the front door of his house, out through the rear and entered the swamp an eighth of a mile back of his residence, and has not been seen since.

When Bradley left home he wore a suit of mixed goods, light overcoat, red tie and a black derby hat. He is a man about 35 years old, ruddy complexioned, sandy mustache and hair. Deputy Sheriff Ralph has sent a telegraphic description of Bradley in all directions and notified the State's Attorney at Cambridge.

WANTED PEOPLE TO REMEMBER.

Hubbard and Watkins, his victims, are prominent men socially and politically in District Council No. 1. He married the daughter of Widow Taylor, quite a large land owner, and considered very wealthy. She had died but a short time before his last return to his old home, and coming back, he immediately began cutting an enormous lot of valuable timber from land inherited by his wife, often remarking: "No use of a man living in a place and making no change in it. I want people to know I'm alive, anyway. They'll know I've been here."

The latest account comes by a farmer living in Eldorado, who has come here to summon medical aid for the two men. Watkins' death is expected at any minute, and Hubbard's condition is very uncertain, the doctors saying they have very little hopes of recovery.

WANTS CASH FOR HIS WIFE'S LOVE.

Louis Noren's Pathetic Story of a Wrecked Home.

(By Telegram.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 8.—Behind a suit begun yesterday in the Common Pleas Court by Louis Noren against Joseph De Laurentis, is a pathetic tale of a broken home. The plaintiff is suing to recover \$20,000 for the loss of his wife's love, which, he says, he declared alienated from him.

The plaintiff states that for many years he and his wife Jennie worked hard, and finally succeeded in establishing a comfortable little home for themselves, where the best of domestic felicity prevailed. They enjoyed each other very much, and lived in perfect harmony, until last summer, at which time the defendant, Laurentis, was introduced into the household. The latter, it is averred, clandestinely paid attentions to Mrs. Noren, and by constant persuasions induced her to desert her home and husband in July last.

Noren says that the defendant's actions and influence over his wife destroyed her affections for him, and although he has tried in many ways to secure the return of Mrs. Noren to her home his efforts have been of no avail. In conclusion the plaintiff avers that he has been unjustly deprived of his wife's comfort, society and assistance, and therefore, asks the court for the compensation named.

A capias with bail of \$500 was issued for the arrest of the defendant.

He Feared Mob Vengeance.

(By Telegram.)

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., December 8.—William Hummel, the alleged murderer of his wife and three step children, was to-day arraigned in court after a trial bill had been found by the grand jury. The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

When it became known that the alleged murderer had been taken to court a crowd of 1,000 men and boys gathered outside.

On the way back to jail Sheriff Gamble and a deputy hustled Hummel, who was trembling with fear, into an alley. The crowd followed, and the wildest excitement prevailed until the prisoner was again behind prison bars.

Another bit of important evidence against Hummel was disclosed here today. A mark on the bed on which Mrs. Hummel was slain shows that the blows were undoubtedly struck by a left handed man. Hummel is left handed.

Postmasters Are Warned.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Abuses of the mail registry service have led to the issue of the following order by the Postmaster General:

It has come to the knowledge of the department that certain postmasters and their employees, in order to avoid the labor connected with the registration of small matter, have informed the public that the registered mails are not a safe means for the transportation of valuable matter, and suggesting that it be sent in some other way. Section 1023 of the Postal Regulations makes it the plain duty of postmasters and the employees of their offices to advise the public to register valuable matter. Disregard of this duty or any disparagement of the registry service by anyone connected with the postal service is a serious interference with the policy of the department which will be deemed sufficient ground for the removal from the service.

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FISHING OFF A MAN-OF-WAR.

One Particularly Exciting Catch Which Raised a Row Among the Jackies.

The followers of Isaack Walton on board a man-of-war are wont to ply the gentle art (with a line alone) from over the ship's side during the evening. A subaltern, who was not particularly liked by his junior messmates, was one day so engaged, when a midshipman, seeing the line depending from the "chains" above, reached out of one of the main deck ports and gave it a couple of violent tugs, in imitation of a fish biting. Up the line was hauled with alacrity, but of course with no result. Once again the "sub" essayed to catch this big fish that had given him so heavy a bite, says Cornhill Magazine.

This time the midshipman was more elaborate, for getting a companion to keep the necessary strain upon the upper portion, he hauled up the lower part of the fishing line and attached to the books an old shoe, an empty bottle, a holy stone and a sardine tin. Having carefully lowered these to the full extent of the line, he gave it a more powerful pull than ever, and the expectant fisherman above hauled in as fast as he could, hand over hand. But his language when he discovered the nature of his "catch" is too much to ask even an unfortunate compositor to set up in good type.

Divorces in England.

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